



Seam Sealing Information and Tips for Repair

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What is Seam Sealing Tape?

- Seam sealing tape is an adhesive waterproof tape that is applied to the seams (underside) of most modern synthetic tents/tent flies.
- It is designed to minimise rainwater coming inside through the stitch holes, and stitching itself, of the outer fabric.
- Seam sealing tape is less often applied to canvas tents as many canvas materials will not allow a tape to stick for any period of time.
- The canvas material used for most Oztent tents has a Polyurethane (PU) coating on the underside of the fabric. This ensures that we can secure the tape to the underside and it will remain secure during extended use.

What can go wrong?

With ALL tents and tent flies, it is possible that the Seam Sealing Tape may come loose over time. The causes of this relate to the age of the tent/fly, weather exposure, salt or other chemical exposure (e.g. insect spray, etc). If you notice the Seam Sealing Tape coming away from the seams of your tent/fly, the following method will fix the problem:

How to fix the issue:

- Firstly, determine the extent to which the tape is coming away.
- If it is only coming away in a small location, simply use scissors to cut away the loose tape and apply Seam Sealer to the exposed area as described below.
- Always cut the tape with a rounded (convex) edge, as this minimises the risk of the tape lifting off in the future.
- If it can be avoided, do not remove the portion of the tape that is still secured to the fabric.
- Using any commercially available Seam Sealer gel, apply a layer of the gel to the exposed area of the seam. Simply smear or brush the gel to cover the same area as the, removed, tape.
- Also apply the gel under and around the loose end of any remaining tape.
- Allow to fully dry and cure before packing away the tent/fly.

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Where do I get this Seam Sealer?

- There are many, many brands available
- Your local Camping Store will provide the best advice for your area.
- Do not use any Cyanoacrylate adhesives ('Super Glue', 'Instant glue' or similar) as these may adversely affect the tent/fly fabric itself.

Examples of Seam Sealer:

